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- 1. On 16 December 1948 certain arrests were made in Guayaquil. This action is believed to be the beginning of a program to confine all leaders of proposed revolutionary movements against the present administration. The Government has apprehended Carlos Guevara Moreno and several other conspirators.
- 2. Unconfirmed reports indicate that this action by the Government may precipitate further difficulties. Press reports regarding the situation are believed to be exaggerated. The Government reportedly acted on information which asserted that a plot to overthrow the administration was under way. No open action by opposition groups has been reported.

 Comment. On 19 December there was a large meeting of Communist Party members in their headquarters in quito, which may or may not have any connection with the above activities.)

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